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In re Application of
Dupont et al.Application Number
09/833,314Filed
April 10, 2001

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1761Examiner
Steven L. Weinstein

Applicant hereby requests an oral hearing before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences in the appeal of the above-identified application.

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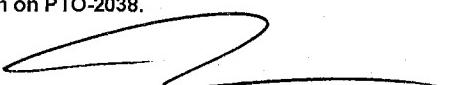
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Appellants: Dupont et al.
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APPELLANTS' REQUEST FOR ORAL HEARING

Sir:

Appellants submit herewith a Request for Oral Hearing (\$1,080.00) in response to the supplemental Examiner's Answer dated March 17, 2009. Appellants respectfully submit that such Request is timely pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 41.47(b). Appellants also note that they will not file a second reply brief in response to the supplemental Examiner's Answer because Appellants do not believe it is required under M.P.E.P. § 1208.

The Director is authorized to charge \$1,080.00 for the request for oral hearing, and any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-1818. If such a withdrawal is made, please indicate the Attorney Docket No. 115808-239 on the account statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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